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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: JAPAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA

1. IN A BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH THE RESIDENT JAPANESE CHARGE AIKAWA YESTERDAY, HE TOLD ME THAT STEMMING FROM RECENT CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH STATE DEPT. OFFICIALS HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS RECOMMENDED AN \$8 MILLION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOAN TO JAMAICA BUT IS RUNNING INTO OPPOSITION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT'S FINANCE MINISTRY WHICH DOES NOT CONSIDER JAMAICA SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT TO JAPAN. I TOOK ISSUE WITH THIS ASSESSMENT AND GAVE HIM A RUNDOWN OF WHY USG CONSIDERS JAMAICA IMPORTANT (JAMAICA'S POSITIVE HUMAN RIGHTS STANCE, DEMOCRACY IN TROUBLE, ITS ROLE IN G-77 ISSUES, AFRICAN IMAGE, ETC.) AND ALSO MENTIONED THE GROWING IRRITATION IN JAMAICA AND ELSEWHERE IN THE CARIBBEAN OVER JAPAN'S DISINTEREST IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

2. AIKAWA SAID THAT AT LEAST IN THE COMMUNICA-
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TIONS HE HAS SEEN HIS GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO HAVE OVERLOOKED THE G-77 ANGLE AND FELT HE SHOULD CABLE THIS TO TOKYO WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD DO IMMEDIATELY.

3. AIKAWA ALSO TOLD ME THAT FONMIN PATTERSON CALLED HIM IN RECENTLY TO EXPRESS HIS FEELING THAT JAPAN SHARES A LOT OF BLAME FOR THE WORLD'S

WORSENING ECONOMIC SITUATION, AND THAT IF JAPAN
WOULD APPROACH THE SITUATION REALISTICALLY AND
WITH MORE RESPONSIBILITY, OTHER NATIONS OF THE
WORLD WOULD NOT BE SO BADLY OFF.
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